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1. ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, SOVIET ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET AND
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE SOVIET FLEET S. G. GORSHIKOV
VISITED VISAKHAPATNAM AND COCHIN DECEMBER 11-14. ACCORDING
TO OUR INFORMATION, HIS SCHEDULE IN VISAKHAPATNAM INCLUDED
A CALL ON VICE ADMIRAL V. A. KAMATH, A MEETING WITH
SOVIET SPECIALISTS STATIONED THERE, BRIEFING ON PROJECTS
AT VISAKHPATNAM, AND A TRIP TO THE OUTER HARBOR. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT IN COCHIN HE MET WITH DEFENSE MINISTER
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BANSI LAL AND WITH ADMIRAL J. CURSETJI, THOUGH THIS
APPARENTLY DID NOT APPEAR IN THE PRESS. HE DEPARTED COCHIN
FOR COLOMBO VIA MADRAS ON DECEMBER 14.

2. COINCIDING WITH THE ADMIRAL'S VISIT, A SOVIET NAVAL
UNIT COMPRISED OF THE DESTROYER ODARENENY AND PATROL SLOOP

NO. 835 UNDER THE COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL P. M. YAROVNY
ARRIVED IN COCHIN ON DECEMBER 11 FOR A THREE DAY VISIT.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOVIET
NAVAL UNITS HAVE VISITED COCHIN, PRESUMABLY ON OFFICIAL
VISITS. THE PRESS IMPLIES THAT THE VISIT TO COCHIN
REPAID THE VISIT OF THE INDIAN NAVAL SHIP HIMAGIRI TO THE
PORT OF ODESSA EARLIER THIS YEAR.
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